

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-578-C - ORDER NO. 2001-010

JANUARY 3, 2001

IN RE: Application of 360 Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a)	ORDER APPROVING
ALLTEL and ALLTEL Communications,)	MERGER
Inc. to merge.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of 360 Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a ALLTEL and ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (the Companies) to merge 360 Long Distance, Inc. into ALLTEL Communications, Inc. Both 360 Long Distance, Inc. and ALLTEL Communications, Inc. are wholly-owned subsidiaries of ALLTEL Corporation, Inc. ALLTEL Communications, Inc. will be the surviving corporation after the merger. According to the Application, the proposed transactions will be entirely transparent to the customer.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Companies published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the Companies' service area. The Companies filed an affidavit attesting to the fact that they had complied with the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed. Accordingly, the Companies have filed a Motion for Expedited Review of this matter. Accompanying and supporting this Motion is the

verified prefiled written testimony of Rex Newman. We grant the Motion for Expedited review, and hold that the weekly Commission meeting constitutes the "due hearing" required under Section 58-9-310 (Supp. 1999). For the reasons stated in the prefiled verified testimony, we approve the Application for the merger.

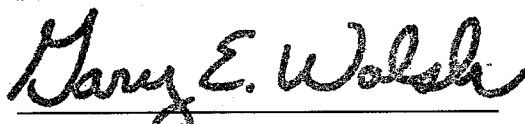
According to Newman, merging the two companies will allow ALLTEL Corporation to take advantage of operational efficiencies that better serve the public interest by allowing ALLTEL to be more competitive and to react quicker to market conditions. Newman also noted that the merger is an internal merger involving subsidiaries of the same parent and there is not transfer of control involved, and no customer impact.

The Application is approved as filed. Further, upon completion of the merger, the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity herein held by 360 Long Distance is hereby canceled. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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